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In re application of:

Shigeru UMINO et al.

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GROUP 1775

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STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED
ZINC-BASED PLATING

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 6, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 9, 2003,
and Advisory Action of March 29, 2004, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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